

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

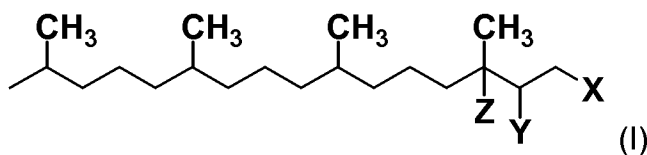
Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1. (Canceled)

Claims 2-6. (Canceled)

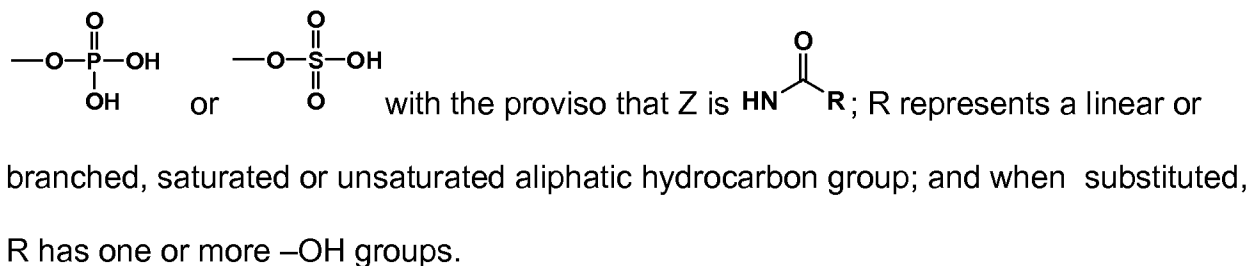
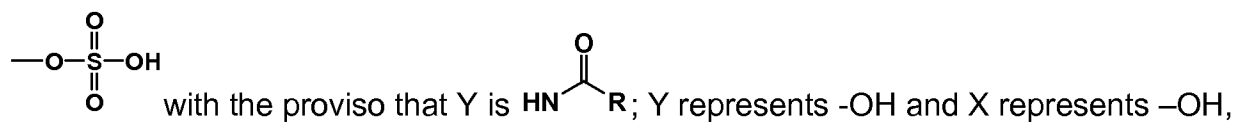
7. (Currently Amended) A cosmetic composition with dual function for skin whitening and remedy of skin wrinkles comprising: (a) an extract from a seed of *Areca catechu* and an extract from *Glycyrrhiza glabra* as an active ingredient; and (b) a cosmetically acceptable carrier, wherein said extract from the seed of *Areca catechu* and said extract from *Glycyrrhiza glabra* are entrapped into a biosome which ~~The cosmetic composition according to claim 4, wherein said biosome is prepared by use of a non-ionic surfactant and a ceramide bound to glycerine.~~

8. (Withdrawn) The cosmetic composition according to claim 7, wherein said ceramide is a pseudoceramide represented by the following formula (I):

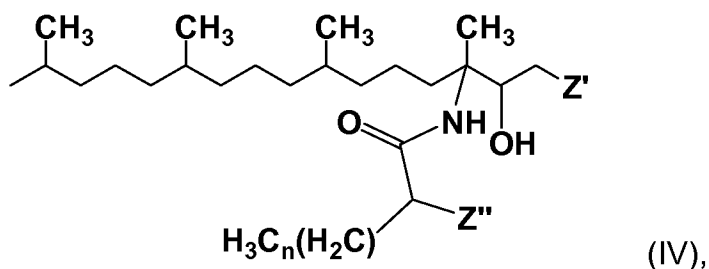
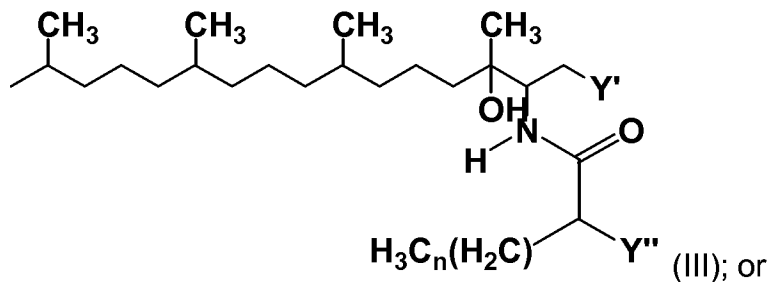
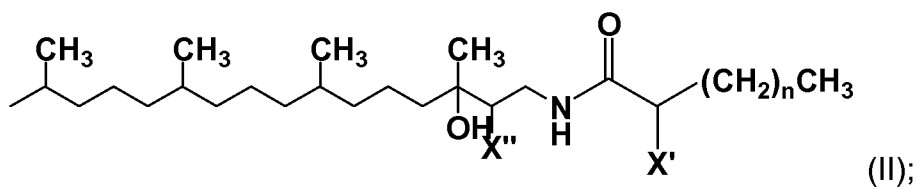


wherein Z represents  $\text{--OH}$  and Y represents  $\text{--OH}$ ,  $\text{--O--P(=O)(OH)OH}$  or  $\text{--O--S(=O)(OH)OH}$  with

the proviso that X is  $\text{HN--C(=O)--R}$ ; Z represents  $\text{--OH}$  and X represents  $\text{--OH}$ ,  $\text{--O--P(=O)(OH)OH}$  or



9. (Original) The cosmetic composition according to claim 8, wherein said pseudoceramide represented by the following formula (II), (III) or (IV):



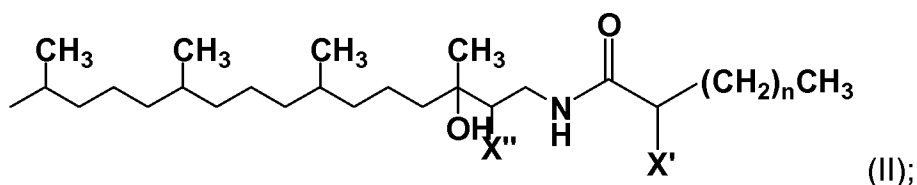
wherein X' represents H or -OH; X'' represents -OH,  $\text{—O—P(=O)(OH)—OH}$  or  $\text{—O—S(=O)(OH)—OH}$  ;

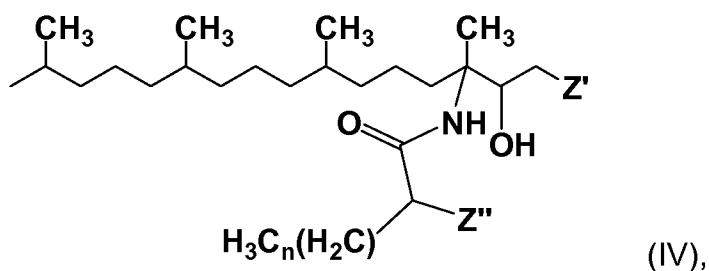
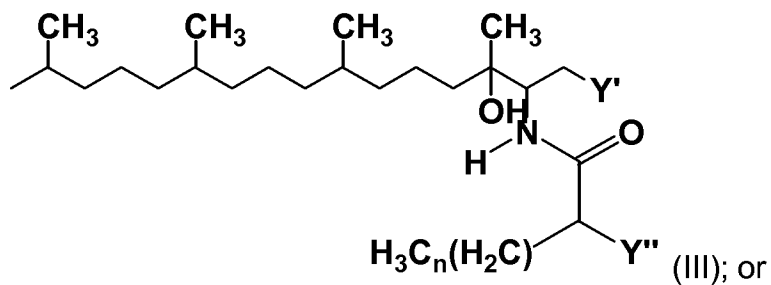
Y' represents -OH,  $\text{—O—P(=O)(OH)—OH}$  or  $\text{—O—S(=O)(OH)—OH}$  ; Y'' represents H or -OH; Z' represents —

OH,  $\text{—O—P(=O)(OH)—OH}$  or  $\text{—O—S(=O)(OH)—OH}$  ; Z'' represents H or -OH; and n is 0 or an integer of from 1 to 47.

10. (Currently Amended) The composition according to claim [[2]]Z, wherein said cosmetic composition is in the form of one selected from the group consisting of a solution, a suspension, an emulsion, a paste, an ointment, a gel, a cream, a lotion, a powder, a soap, a surfactant-containing cleanser, an oil, a powder foundation, an emulsion foundation, a wax foundation and a spray.

11. (new) The cosmetic composition according to claim 7, wherein said ceramide is a pseudoceramide represented by the following formula (II), (III) or (IV):





wherein X' represents H or -OH; X'' represents -OH,  $\text{—O—P(=O)(OH)—OH}$  or  $\text{—O—S(=O)(OH)—OH}$  ;

Y' represents -OH,  $\text{—O—P(=O)(OH)—OH}$  or  $\text{—O—S(=O)(OH)—OH}$  ; Y'' represents H or -OH; Z' represents -

OH,  $\text{—O—P(=O)(OH)—OH}$  or  $\text{—O—S(=O)(OH)—OH}$  ; Z'' represents H or -OH; and n is 0 or an integer of from

1 to 47.